Jury Committee Judicial Conference of Indiana

August 8, 2008 Minutes

- 1. <u>Attendance</u>. The following Committee members were present for the meeting: George Biddlecome, Brent Dickson, Richard McDevitt, Michael Peyton, Kenneth Scheibenberger, Diane Schneider, Ted Todd, and William Hughes, Chair.
- 2. Staff present. Michelle C. Goodman and Tom Carusillo provided the Committee with staff assistance.
- 3. Approval of minutes. The Committee approved the February 2008 minutes.
- 4. <u>Jury Pool Project/JMS.</u> The project staff is working on an agreement with BMV regarding receiving data lists from them and hopes to have that process completed soon. The project staff already has data from DOR. The Committee was concerned regarding the current status of the project and requested to be informed if there would be any delays in releasing the master list on time. The JMS system is going well and a number of counties have expressed interest in the system. Jill Russell, JTAC, has been conducting demonstrations and trainings on the JMS.
- 5. Report from Board of Directors. The Board of Directors approved of the amendments to the Minimum Orientation Standards and the proposed amendments to Jury Rule 5 at its March meeting. The Jury Rule 5 proposal was then sent to the Supreme Court for consideration, but was not adopted by the Court because trial courts already have the ability to address these matters under the current language of the Jury Rules. Based on this information, the Committee requested that we see if we can get another Jury Education Session for the Judges.
- 6. <u>Jury Administrators Education</u>. The Committee discussed suggested topics for a Jury Administrators conference to be sponsored by the Indiana Judicial Center on November 14, 2008.
- 7. <u>Discussion on FAQ for Jury Rule 6.</u> The Committee reviewed a proposed FAQ to Jury Rule 6. After discussion, the Committee approved the FAQ for posting, but requested staff to draft additional language regarding the ability to grant deferments and find disqualification to serve in appropriate circumstances and cross reference the relevant rules.
- 8. 2008 Meeting Schedule.

Friday, October 10, 2008 – noon at IJC

*Note: Meeting times are listed as Indianapolis time.

Respectfully submitted,

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